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SUBJ: PRESENT STATUS OF JAPANESE/ BENELUX DISCUSSIONS ON
ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS

REF: THE HAGUE 2070; BRUSSELS EC BRUSSELS 2540

1. BENELUX- JAPANESE DISCUSSION ON ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS RESULTED
IN PAST WEEK IN A VOLUNTARY TRADE RESTRICTION AGREEMENT.
BENELUXERS AND JAPANESE HAVE FORMULATED ACCORD FOR INITIAL
FOURTEEN MONTH PERIOD (FEB 1, 1973 TO MAR 31, 1974). PRO-
CEDURE CALLS FOR BENELUX GOVERNMENTS TO GRANT IMPORT LICENSES
ONLY AGAINST JAPANESE EXPORT CERTIFICATES WHICH ARE TO BE
ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MUTUALLY AGREED LIMITS. CATCH IS
THAT LIMITS THEMSELVES HAVE NOT YET BEEN SET.
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PROTECT, JAPANESE KEEP RETREATING FROM SUGGESTED LEVELS,
APPARENTLY HOPING TO AVOID MAKING SPECIFIC COMMITMENT UNTIL
THEY SEE OUTCOME OF WIDER JAPANESE- EC AND GATT DISCUSSIONS.

2. NEW AGREEMENT IS TO GO INTO EFFECT JULY 1. UNTIL THEN
(AND POSSIBLY THEREAFTER IF FIRM AGREEMENT ON LIMIT NOT
REACHED) BENELUX AUTHORITIES ARE DE FACTO RESTRICTING IMPORTS
OF JAPANESE ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS TO ACTUAL PERFORMANCE IN
1972, WITH SOME VARIATION FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS AND IN SPECIFIC
CASES. FOR EXAMPLE, NEW AMERICAN ASSEMBLY AND MERCHANDISING
FIRM (RADIO SHACK) INFORMS US GOB APPROVED ALL THEIR
REQUESTS FOR IMPORT LICENSE (SOME \$10 MILLION IN VALUE). THIS
APPROVAL WAS NECESSARY FOR RADIO SHACK TO IMPLEMENT ITS
INVESTMENT PLANS IN NAMUR PROVINCE. STRAUSZ- HUPE

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